

## Global Multi Media Service Method and Apparatus

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           The present invention provides techniques for accessing multi media  
information. Specific embodiments include systems, apparatuses, methods, and software  
that provide access to information from disparate resources. The present invention  
provides a web tuner system that provides access to multiple kinds of media through a  
single interface in an exemplary embodiment. The web tuner system comprises  
10   equipment which can be located at a home, home office or small business office. The  
equipment provides a panel that displays media information, and a remote control with  
which the user may select media to receive. The user may also input information about  
various kinds of media of interest. The web tuner receives multiple types of media, such  
as television, radio broadcast, and Internet based information, such as from the world  
15   wide web. The information is output into external equipment of various types, such as  
television, for example. Accordingly, the web tuner provides a media type independent  
interface and control for receiving information, so that the user is able to operate a single  
interface to receive multiple types of media.

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